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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE PLO - EGYPT DISPUTE

1. SYRIAN PRESS HAS DONE ITS BEST TO DOWNPLAY LATEST
PLO - EGYPTIAN FRACAS. ON MARCH 3 AL-BAATH AND
AL-THAWRAH BRIEFLY REPORTED RIYAD'S STATEMENT IN
BEIRUT THAT ANY DISAGREEMENT WOULD ONLY BENEFIT ENEMY
AND THAT UNITY OF RANKS MUST BE MAINTAINED. MARCH 4
ARTICLE IN AL-THAWRAH, ON RIYAD'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS,
CARRIED STATEMENT BY FONMIN KHADDAM, IN REPLY TO
QUESTION ON PLO - EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, THAT "THERE
IS ABSOLUTELY NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM, BUT
INSTEAD COMPLETE UNITY OF RANKS."

2. COMMENT: SYRIANS ARE EMBARRASSED OVER WIDESPREAD
PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THIS INTRA-ARAB QUARREL AT TIME
WHEN SARG IS PULLING OUT ALL STOPS TO STRENGTHEN
ARAB UNITY PRIOR TO UPCOMING ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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